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- I. Claims 1-63, drawn to antibodies and their use in immunoassays.
- II. Claims 64, 65, and 70, drawn to carboxymethyloxime derivatives and a method of preparing them.
- III. Claims 66-69 drawn to immunogens (broad).*
- IV. Claims 71 and 72, drawn to methods of preparing immunogens (specific).*
- V. Claims 73-75, drawn to carboxymethyloxime-linker-biotin conjugates.
- VI. Claims 76, 77 and 82, drawn to bromoacetyl derivative intermediates and a method of preparing them.
- VII. Claims 78-81, drawn to conjugates of proteins with bromoacetyl derivatives.

*The immunogens of these two groups are of different scope.

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